

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT – May 13, 2019**

Worcester, SS.

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts, 1, 2, and 3 at the Grafton Middle School Gymnasium, 22 Providence Road and precincts 4 and 5 at the Millbury Street Elementary School Gymnasium, 105 Millbury Street on Tuesday, the Twenty-First day of May, 2019 at Eight O'clock AM (8:00 AM) until Eight O'clock PM (8:00 PM) to cast their votes for the following Town Offices:

Two Members of the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years; Two Members of the School Committee for a term of three years; Two Members of the Planning Board for a term of three years; One Town Clerk for a term of three years; Two Members of the Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years; One Member of the Board of Library Trustees for a one year term (to fill a vacancy); One Member of the Housing Authority for a term of five years.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Grafton High School Auditorium at the Grafton High School on Monday, the Thirteenth Day of May, 2019 at Seven Thirty PM (7:30PM) and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 1.

Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the printed annual and any other reports.

ARTICLE 2. APPOINT TRUSTEE OF NELSON PARK AND MEMORIAL

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Nelson Park and Memorial Trustees

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 2.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2.

Finance Committee concurs with the appointment of Billy Kuck as Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund.

	Account Name	FY 2018 ACTUAL	FY 2019 BUDGET	FY2020 DEPT. REQUEST	FY2020 TOWN ADMIN	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
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ARTICLE 3. TOWN'S SHARE OF NET OPERATING COSTS – BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the net operating costs of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional
School District Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 3.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 as written in the amount of \$721,070.00. This article provides the Town's share of the net operating cost of the Blackstone Valley Regional School District for FY20 and reflects a slight decrease in enrollment of Grafton students.

ARTICLE 4. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the principal and interest costs for FY20 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional
School District Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 4.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 as written in the amount of \$49,491.00. This appropriation will fund the principal and interest cost for FY20 to be incurred by Blackstone Valley Regional School District for its capital expansion project.

ARTICLE 5. FY20 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of money to fund the recommended budget by the Town Administrator as shown in the Finance Committee's printed report for the several Town Departments for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

114	<u>Town Moderator</u>						
	Personnel	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0	0.0%
	Expenses	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$150	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.0%
122	<u>Board of Selectmen</u>						
	Personnel	\$67,085	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$26,000	(\$34,000)	-56.7%
	Expenses	\$10,226	\$8,000	\$12,200	\$11,900	\$3,900	48.8%
	Total	\$77,311	\$68,000	\$67,200	\$37,900	(\$30,100)	-44.3%
123	<u>Town Administrator</u>						
	Personnel	\$282,853	\$305,149	\$322,250	\$322,250	\$17,101	5.6%
	Expenses	\$111,601	\$59,000	\$70,000	\$65,000	\$6,000	10.2%
	Total	\$394,454	\$364,149	\$392,250	\$387,250	\$23,101	6.3%
131	<u>Finance Committee</u>						
	Personnel	\$9,761	\$10,556	\$11,182	\$11,182	\$626	5.9%
	Expenses	\$7,920	\$4,650	\$4,770	\$4,770	\$120	2.6%
	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$17,681	\$15,206	\$15,952	\$15,952	\$746	4.9%
132	<u>Reserve Fund</u>						
	Expenses	\$55,316	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$55,316	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%
135	<u>Town Accountant</u>						
	Personnel	\$122,536	\$134,994	\$134,914	\$134,914	(\$80)	-0.1%

	Expenses	\$21,290	\$21,670	\$18,867	\$18,870	(\$2,800)	-12.9%
	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
	Total	\$143,826	\$156,664	\$153,781	\$153,784	(\$2,880)	-1.8%
141	<u>Board of Assessors</u>						
	Personnel	\$148,947	\$156,805	\$161,460	\$160,310	\$3,505	2.2%
	Expenses	\$23,523	\$41,340	\$29,790	\$29,790	(\$11,550)	-27.9%
	Equipment	\$3,520	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$175,990	\$198,145	\$191,250	\$190,100	(\$8,045)	-4.1%
145	<u>Collector/Treasurer</u>						
	Personnel	\$238,462	\$255,106	\$254,156	\$217,489	(\$37,617)	-14.7%
	Expenses	\$55,132	\$77,462	\$73,815	\$70,415	(\$7,047)	-9.1%
	Equipment	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	(\$500)	-100.0%
	Total	\$294,094	\$333,068	\$327,971	\$287,904	(\$45,164)	-13.6%
151	<u>Legal</u>						
	Expenses	\$101,070	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$101,070	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$0	0.0%
#	Account Name	FY2018 ACTUAL	FY2019 BUDGET	FY2020 DEPT. REQUEST	FY2020 TOWN ADMIN	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
153	<u>Human Resources</u>						
	Personnel	\$39,403	\$36,110	\$36,793	\$36,293	\$183	0.5%
	Expenses	\$42,491	\$35,900	\$37,900	\$37,850	\$1,950	5.4%
	Total	\$81,894	\$72,010	\$74,693	\$74,143	\$2,133	3.0%
155	<u>MIS/GIS</u>						
	Expenses	\$89,261	\$122,310	\$132,825	\$131,825	\$9,515	7.8%

	Equipment	\$11,720	\$11,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	(\$4,500)	-40.9%
	Total	\$100,981	\$133,310	\$139,325	\$138,325	\$5,015	3.8%
156	<u>Copiers</u>						
	Expenses	\$18,517	\$26,500	\$28,500	\$28,300	\$1,800	6.8%
	Total	\$18,517	\$26,500	\$28,500	\$28,300	\$1,800	6.8%
161	<u>Town Clerk</u>						
	Salary Town Clerk	\$60,543	\$58,140	\$59,303	\$59,303	\$0	0.0%
	Personnel	\$47,919	\$87,957	\$89,347	\$89,347	\$2,553	2.9%
	Expenses	\$5,427	\$6,980	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$4,895	70.1%
	Total	\$113,889	\$153,077	\$160,525	\$160,525	\$7,448	4.9%
162	<u>Election & Registration</u>						
	Personnel	\$6,820	\$23,275	\$17,525	\$16,525	(\$6,750)	-29.0%
	Expenses	\$13,624	\$22,150	\$22,590	\$22,590	\$440	2.0%
	Total	\$20,444	\$45,425	\$40,115	\$39,115	(\$6,310)	-13.9%
166	<u>CATV Oversight Committee</u>						
	Expenses	\$3,679	\$2,800	\$2,850	\$2,833	\$33	1.2%
	Total	\$3,679	\$2,800	\$2,850	\$2,833	\$33	1.2%
171	<u>Conservation Committee</u>						
	Personnel	\$85,319	\$87,154	\$92,629	\$92,629	\$5,475	6.3%
	Expenses	\$7,396	\$12,929	\$13,059	\$13,059	\$130	1.0%
	Total	\$92,715	\$100,083	\$105,688	\$105,688	\$5,605	5.6%
175	<u>Planning Board</u>						
	Personnel	\$183,434	\$205,451	\$226,289	\$195,049	(\$10,402)	-5.1%

	Expenses	\$9,686	\$13,050	\$10,575	\$10,575	(\$2,475)	-19.0%
	Total	\$193,120	\$218,501	\$236,864	\$205,624	(\$12,877)	-5.9%
176	<u>Appeals Board</u>						
	Personnel	\$14,594	\$23,895	\$24,375	\$24,375	\$480	2.0%
	Expenses	\$3,234	\$2,750	\$4,000	\$3,997	\$1,247	45.3%
	Total	\$17,828	\$26,645	\$28,375	\$28,372	\$1,727	6.5%
182	<u>Economic Development</u>						
	Expenses	\$9,284	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$9,284	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$0	0.0%
#	Account Name	FY2018 ACTUAL	FY2019 BUDGET	FY2020 DEPT. REQUEST	FY2020 TOWN ADMIN	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
191	<u>Farnumsville Fire House</u>						
	Expenses	\$1,178	\$1,850	\$1,600	\$1,500	(\$350)	-18.9%
	Total	\$1,178	\$1,850	\$1,600	\$1,500	(\$350)	-18.9%
192	<u>South Grafton Community House</u>						
	Personnel	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,800	(\$200)	0.0%
	Expenses	\$15,178	\$15,700	\$15,550	\$15,550	(\$150)	-1.0%
	Total	\$15,178	\$17,700	\$17,550	\$17,350	(\$350)	-2.0%
193	<u>Municipal Center</u>						
	Personnel	\$146,772	\$148,480	\$154,112	\$130,217	(\$18,263)	-12.3%
	Expenses	\$219,424	\$202,700	\$212,800	\$193,800	(\$8,900)	-4.4%
	Total	\$366,196	\$351,180	\$366,912	\$324,017	(\$27,163)	-7.7%
195	<u>Unclassified Personnel</u>						
	Retirement & Pensions	\$1,527,028	\$1,678,129	\$1,878,900	\$1,878,900	\$200,771	12.0%

	Medicare / FICA	\$439,496	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$0	0.0%
	Group Life Insurance	\$5,751	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0	0.0%
	Group Health Insurance	\$4,341,571	\$4,457,005	\$4,813,566	\$4,722,684	\$265,679	6.0%
	Total Personnel Services	\$6,313,846	\$6,617,134	\$7,174,466	\$7,083,584	\$466,450	7.0%
	Unclassified Expenses						
	Auditing Services	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0	0.0%
	Town Report	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.0%
	GWD Hydrant Rental	\$51,188	\$66,300	\$67,000	\$67,000	\$700	1.1%
	SGWD Hydrant Rental	\$20,600	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0	0.0%
	Memorial Day Expenses	\$3,951	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.0%
	Historic District Commission	\$28	\$800	\$400	\$400	(\$400)	-50.0%
	Historical Commission	\$71	\$2,000	\$500	\$500	(\$1,500)	-75.0%
	Town Insurance / Workers Comp	\$569,756	\$624,415	\$634,415	\$634,415	\$10,000	1.6%
	Employee Assistance Program	\$100	\$1,200	\$600	\$600	(\$600)	-50.0%
	Medicaid Claim Processing	\$7,967	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	0.0%
	Total Expenses	\$682,661	\$757,715	\$765,915	\$765,915	\$8,200	1.1%
	Total Unclassified	\$6,996,507	\$7,374,849	\$7,940,381	\$7,849,499	\$474,650	6.4%
196	<u>Fuel</u>						
	Expenses	\$116,567	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$116,567	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.0%
210	<u>Police Department</u>						
	Personnel	\$1,950,348	\$2,061,445	\$2,125,357	\$2,134,278	\$72,833	3.5%

	Expenses	\$167,719	\$183,490	\$178,100	\$178,100	(\$5,390)	-2.9%
	Equipment	\$79,269	\$44,000	\$81,000	\$12,000	(\$32,000)	-72.7%
	Total	\$2,197,336	\$2,288,935	\$2,384,457	\$2,324,378	\$35,443	1.5%
#	Account Name	FY2018 ACTUAL	FY2019 BUDGET	FY2020 DEPT. REQUEST	FY2020 TOWN ADMIN	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
220	<u>Fire Department</u>						
	Personnel	\$384,147	\$433,356	\$441,132	\$424,342	(\$9,014)	-2.1%
	Expenses	\$121,210	\$174,458	\$194,458	\$180,638	\$6,180	3.5%
	Equipment	\$111,546	\$120,465	\$120,734	\$94,490	(\$25,975)	-21.6%
	Total	\$616,903	\$728,279	\$756,324	\$699,470	(\$28,809)	-4.0%
241	<u>Building Inspector</u>						
	Personnel	\$163,660	\$175,662	\$177,108	\$176,093	\$431	0.2%
	Expenses	\$5,215	\$5,250	\$4,450	\$3,950	(\$1,300)	-24.8%
	Total	\$168,875	\$180,912	\$181,558	\$180,043	(\$869)	-0.5%
242	<u>Gas Inspector</u>						
	Personnel	\$9,428	\$13,030	\$13,275	\$12,925	(\$105)	-0.8%
	Expenses	\$473	\$1,770	\$1,400	\$915	(\$855)	-48.3%
	Total	\$9,901	\$14,800	\$14,675	\$13,840	(\$960)	-6.5%
243	<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>						
	Personnel	\$8,438	\$14,676	\$14,945	\$14,065	(\$611)	-4.2%
	Expenses	\$1,307	\$1,835	\$1,785	\$1,300	(\$535)	-29.2%
	Total	\$9,745	\$16,511	\$16,730	\$15,365	(\$1,146)	-6.9%
244	<u>Sealer of Weights & Measures</u>						
	Personnel	\$8,031	\$8,075	\$8,275	\$8,275	\$200	2.5%

	Expenses	\$429	\$775	\$775	\$700	(\$75)	-9.7%
	Total	\$8,460	\$8,850	\$9,050	\$8,975	\$125	1.4%
245	<u>Wiring Inspector</u>						
	Personnel	\$14,790	\$16,741	\$17,060	\$13,735	(\$3,006)	-18.0%
	Expenses	\$919	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$1,300	(\$1,350)	-50.9%
	Total	\$15,709	\$19,391	\$19,710	\$15,035	(\$4,356)	-22.5%
291	<u>Emergency Management</u>						
	Personnel	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	0.0%
	Expenses	\$8,078	\$7,750	\$7,750	\$6,750	(\$1,000)	-12.9%
	Total	\$9,478	\$9,150	\$9,150	\$8,150	(\$1,000)	-10.9%
292	<u>Animal Control</u>						
	Personnel	\$7,217	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	(\$3,500)	-100.0%
	Expenses	\$0	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$0	0%
	Total	\$7,217	\$25,000	\$21,500	\$21,500	(\$3,500)	-14.0%
296	<u>Animal Inspector</u>						
	Personnel	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$1,400	93.3%
	Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
	Total	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$1,400	93.3%
#	Account Name	FY2018 ACTUAL	FY2019 BUDGET	FY2020 DEPT. REQUEST	FY2020 TOWN ADMIN	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE

300	<u>School Department</u>						
	Expenses	\$33,292,638	\$35,006,960	\$36,921,841	\$36,582,273	\$1,575,313	4.50%
	Total	\$33,292,638	\$35,006,960	\$36,921,841	\$36,582,273	\$1,575,313	4.50%
410	<u>Engineering Department</u>						
	Personnel	\$75,858	\$77,664	\$79,994	\$79,218	\$1,554	2.0%
	Expenses	\$38,354	\$58,475	\$58,800	\$57,800	(\$675)	-1.2%
	Total	\$114,212	\$136,139	\$138,794	\$137,018	\$879	0.6%
420	<u>Highway Department</u>						
	Personnel	\$679,260	\$710,598	\$748,168	\$748,168	\$37,570	5.3%
	Expenses	\$299,907	\$488,500	\$502,600	\$467,200	(\$21,300)	-4.4%
	Total	\$979,167	\$1,199,098	\$1,250,768	\$1,215,368	\$16,270	1.4%
421	<u>Sanitation</u>						
	Personnel	\$12,619	\$16,010	\$15,000	\$15,000	(\$1,010)	-6.3%
	Expenses	\$789,063	\$910,172	\$940,518	\$935,518	\$25,346	2.8%
	Total	\$801,682	\$926,182	\$955,518	\$950,518	\$24,336	2.6%
423	<u>Snow & Ice Control</u>						
	Personnel	\$95,849	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	0.0%
	Expenses	\$349,721	\$112,000	\$112,000	\$112,000	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$445,570	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	0.0%
424	<u>Street Lighting</u>						
	Expenses	\$65,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$62,000	(\$1,000)	-1.6%
	Total	\$65,000	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$62,000	(\$1,000)	-1.6%

440	<u>Sewer Department (Funded from Sewer Use Receipts Reserved Account)</u>						
	Personnel	\$423,214	\$433,300	\$423,316	\$423,316	(\$9,984)	-2.3%
	Expenses	\$568,690	\$666,700	\$670,350	\$670,350	\$3,650	0.5%
	Total	\$991,905	\$1,100,000	\$1,093,666	\$1,093,666	(\$6,334)	-0.6%
491	<u>Cemetery and Parks</u>						
	Personnel	\$212,382	\$218,739	\$203,023	\$203,023	(\$15,716)	-7.2%
	Expenses	\$59,948	\$92,350	\$76,370	\$74,670	(\$17,680)	-19.1%
	Total	\$272,330	\$311,089	\$279,393	\$277,693	(\$33,396)	-10.7%
510	<u>Health Department</u>						
	Personnel	\$49,716	\$52,884	\$53,785	\$53,785	\$901	1.7%
	Expenses	\$83,702	\$99,625	\$114,682	\$114,582	\$14,957	15.0%
	Total	\$133,418	\$152,509	\$168,467	\$168,367	\$15,858	10.4%
541	<u>Council On Aging</u>						
	Personnel	\$173,312	\$198,137	\$203,356	\$203,356	\$5,219	2.6%
	Expenses	\$17,942	\$19,150	\$19,150	\$19,150	\$0	0.0%
	Account Name	FY2018 ACTUAL	FY2019 BUDGET	FY2020 DEPT. REQUEST	FY2020 TOWN ADMIN	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
	Total	\$191,254	\$217,287	\$222,506	\$222,506	\$5,219	2.4%
542	<u>Together We Can</u>						
	Expenses	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$0	0.0%
	Total	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$0	0.0%

543	<u>Veterans Services</u>						
	Personnel	\$73,410	\$83,675	\$93,046	\$93,046	\$9,371	11.2%
	Expenses	\$81,617	\$84,900	\$98,350	\$95,850	\$10,950	12.9%
	Total	\$155,027	\$168,575	\$191,396	\$188,896	\$20,321	12.1%
610	<u>Library</u>						
	Personnel	\$517,450	\$582,082	\$643,043	\$635,841	\$53,759	9.2%
	Expenses	\$199,753	\$218,950	\$234,650	\$220,900	\$1,950	0.9%
	Equipment	\$5,485	\$1,200	\$19,935	\$2,000	\$800	66.7%
	Total	\$722,688	\$802,232	\$897,628	\$858,741	\$56,509	7.0%
630	<u>Recreation Commission</u>						
	Personnel	\$182,879	\$221,073	\$220,002	\$218,695	(\$2,378)	-1.1%
	Expenses	\$29,565	\$42,515	\$39,650	\$39,400	(\$3,115)	-7.3%
	Total	\$212,444	\$263,588	\$259,652	\$258,095	(\$5,493)	-2.1%
650	<u>Nelson Library & Park</u>						
	Personnel	\$12,884	\$20,200	\$20,200	\$17,000	(\$3,200)	-15.8%
	Expenses	\$8,591	\$13,150	\$13,350	\$12,850	(\$300)	-2.3%
	Equipment	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000)	N/A
	Total	\$21,475	\$34,350	\$33,550	\$29,850	(\$4,500)	-13.1%
710	<u>Retirement of Debt</u>						
	Expenses	\$2,495,000	\$2,916,965	\$3,841,292	\$3,841,292	\$924,327	31.7%
	Total	\$2,495,000	\$2,916,965	\$3,841,292	\$3,841,292	\$924,327	31.7%

750	<u>Debt Interest</u>						
	Expenses	\$1,330,140	\$1,550,830	\$2,323,437	\$2,323,437	\$772,607	49.8%
	Total	\$1,330,140	\$1,550,830	\$2,323,437	\$2,323,437	\$772,607	49.8%
	Non-Appropriated Expenses						
	Expenses	\$3,489,996	\$3,548,066	\$3,392,860	\$3,219,421	(\$328,645)	-9.3%
	Total	\$3,489,996	\$3,548,066	\$3,392,860	\$3,219,421	(\$328,645)	-9.3%

Total FY20 Revenues: \$65,220,897

Total FY20 Expenses: \$65,215,878

Excess Levy: \$5,019

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 5.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 in the amount of \$61,996,457.00.

This is the annual operating budget of the Town and funds the various Town Departments and School Department for Fiscal Year 2020. This proposed budget is an increase of 6.4% over Fiscal Year 2019. Non-appropriated funds are \$3,219,421.00, for a total budget amount of \$65,215,878.00.

ARTICLE 6. FUND FY20 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from free cash, and transfer a sum of money from available sources, for the purposes of funding the FY20 Capital Expenditure Budget, said sum to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

DEPT	PROJECT	COST	Funding Source
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Fire Pumper/Tanker Lease*	\$99,577	Free Cash
	Replace Engine 3 with Foam System*	\$128,000	Free Cash
	2,000 ft. of 5' hose	\$12,000	Free Cash
	6 Hydra Assist Valves	\$14,245	Free Cash
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	2 New Police Cruisers	\$69,000	Free Cash
PUBLIC WORKS			
	F-450 with Utility Body	\$65,000	Free Cash
	Replace Truck 22 – 5 Ton Dump Truck	\$250,000	Free Cash
	Grapple Rake for 930M Cat Loader	\$17,000	Free Cash
SEWER			
	Replace F-250 with Plow	\$45,000	Retained Earnings
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
	Phase I Part I - Electrical Upgrades to Municipal Center**	\$50,000	Free Cash
	Lease on Dell Server *	\$10,800	Free Cash

SCHOOLS			
	Add Security to Buildings	\$85,000	Free Cash
	AC for Intensive Classroom – SGES	\$16,000	Free Cash
	Replace Roof Section at NSES	\$100,000	Free Cash
	Replace Furniture	\$70,000	Free Cash
TOTAL			\$986,622
<i>*Items with an asterisk indicates a multi-year lease agreement</i>			

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 6.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 as written.

This article transfers a sum of \$970,323.00 from Free Cash and a sum of \$16,298.97 from retired articles to fund the list of capital improvements recommended by the Town Administrator and approved by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 7. TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for State-Aid Highway purposes, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill, so-called, and amendments thereto, for roadway construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments and other work incidental to the above, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 7.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 in the amount of \$498,500.00.

This article allows the Town to receive Chapter 90 funds as a reimbursement for projects accepted by the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill. The spending of these funds is under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8. AUTHORIZE BOARD TO ACCEPT & ENTER INTO CONTRACTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for construction, reconstruction, or improvements to public roads, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 8.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 as written.

This article allows the Board of Selectmen to conduct routine Town business.

ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZE SPENDING LIMITS FOR REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved.

Board/Department/Officer authorized to expend:	Revenue Source	Funds may be expended only for:	FISCAL YEARS
Town Administrator	Rent and Utilities \$200,000	One Grafton Common maintenance	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
School Department	State and Federal Grants \$10,000	Staff Development Workshops	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
School Department	Tuition Payments \$200,000	Early Childhood Programs	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
School Department	Out of district fees \$200,000	Out of district transportation	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
School Department	Sale of Surplus \$200,000	Education Tablets & Laptops	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
School Department	Rental Revolving Fund \$50,000	Maintenance of school facilities	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
School Department	Extended Services Revolving Fund \$50,000	Programs outside of the school day or year	Fiscal year 2020 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Ridership fees \$35,000	Elder Bus Transportation	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Filing Fees \$25,000	Expenses related to duties	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Fire Department	Inspection Fees \$10,000	Fire Sprinkler System Review	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Medicare Part 855B \$20,000	Vaccine Administration	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Community Nursing Gift Account \$5,000	CPR and Sharps Containers	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years

Board of Health	Tufts Biomedical Inspections \$10,000	Inspections at Tufts University	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Septic Plan Review \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Septic Plan Review	Fiscal year 2020 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Soil Testing \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Soil Testing	Fiscal year 2020 and subsequent years
Board/Department/Officer authorized to expend:	Revenue Source	Funds may be expended only for:	FISCAL YEARS
Board of Health	Well Review \$5,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Well Review	Fiscal year 2020 and subsequent years
South Grafton Community House	Rental fees \$20,000	Maintenance and upkeep	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Library	Lost Book fees \$5,000	Replacement of materials	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Program Fees \$35,000	Program Funding	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Storm Water Bylaw \$10,000	Expenses for Administration	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years
Library	User fees \$10,000	Replenishing materials	Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 9.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 as written.

This is an annual reauthorization of revolving accounts with the listing of spending limits.

ARTICLE 10. FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of funding the Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article

10. Finance Committee recommends passing over of Article 10.

No funding will be added to this account at this time.

ARTICLE 11. FY20 GRAFTON CABLE TELEVISION BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money to fund the recommended Grafton Community Television budget as recommended by the Cable Oversight Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Oversight Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 11.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11 as written in the amount of \$313,306.00. In May 2016, Town Meeting voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which established a special revenue fund known as the PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) Access and Cable Related Fund, into which a small fee on all cable subscribers' bills is collected. This article appropriates the Grafton Community Television budget out of this fund, requiring no tax money.

ARTICLE 12. AUTHORIZE TREASURER/COLLECTOR TO BORROW MONEY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 12.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12 as written.

This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to conduct routine Town business.

ARTICLE 13. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000, said sum to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account, for the purposes of paying Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 13.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

This article allows funds appropriated by taxation to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account.

ARTICLE 14. FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM WRTA

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request the funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 14.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14 as written.

This article is an annual authorization to request FY20 WRTA funding of transportation services.

ARTICLE 15. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Article 4, Section 9, of the Town By-Laws, to sell certain items under such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 15.

Finance Committee recommends passing over of Article 15.

There are no surplus items available to sell at this time.

ARTICLE 16. PART-TIME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from available sources, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the salary for a part-time economic development specialist, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 16.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16 in the amount of \$30,000.00.

This article funds the EDC position from Free Cash for FY20. This position was originally in the operating budget but it was pulled out to balance the budget this year. Finance Committee believes that it is essential for Grafton to have an Economic Development Specialist, and strongly recommends that it be placed back into the operating budget next year.

ARTICLE 17. CPC – OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) of Fiscal Year 2020 Community Preservation revenues, for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Article 17.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17 as written in the amount of \$24,000.00.

This article is a required transfer of funds from Community Preservation Committee (CPC) revenues into an Operating budget account. This is necessary for the CPC to conduct routine business in FY20.

ARTICLE 18. CPC – PELL FARM BOND PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$79,950) from Fiscal Year 2020 Community Preservation revenues for the purpose of making the eleventh of twenty (11th of 20) interest and principle payment on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 18.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18 as written in the amount of \$79,950.00.

This article authorizes the CPC to make the FY20 principal and interest payment on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm Property.

ARTICLE 19. CPC – GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE BOND PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$72,450) from the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Preservation Historical Reserve account, for the purpose of making the fifth of twenty (5th of 20) interest and principle payment on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the restoration of the Grafton Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 19.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 19 as written in the amount of \$72,450.00. This article authorizes the CPC to make the FY20 principal and interest payment on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the renovation of the Grafton Town House.

ARTICLE 20. CPC – GRAFTON TOWN COMMON RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Six Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$651,723) with Four Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$451,723) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund Balance account and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from CPA FY2020 Revenue for the purpose of restoring the historic Grafton Common, with such funds to be expended by June, 2021 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 20.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20 in the amount of \$651,723.00. This article appropriates \$451,723.00 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance account and \$200,000.00 from CPA FY2020 revenue to be used to restore the Grafton Common.

ARTICLE 21. CPC – WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CABINET RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve account for the purpose of restoring the 1848 Howard and Davis Scale and Cabinet, with such funds to be expended by June, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 21.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 21 as written. This article funds a project in line with the requirements to use the Historic Reserve Funds. Restoring the 1848 Howard and Davis Scale and Cabinet will help keep the rich history and tradition of Grafton alive for many years to come.

ARTICLE 22. CPC – HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of updating Grafton's 1991 Inventory of Historical and Cultural Resources, with such funds to be expended by June, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 22.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22 as written.

This article appropriates the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of updating Grafton's 1991 Inventory of Historical and Cultural Resources with such funds to be expended by June 2021.

ARTICLE 23. CPC – LIONS CLUB PROPERTY RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$41,500) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund Balance account for design and engineering work to determine costs for recreational upgrades at Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park, with such funds to be expended by June, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 23.

Finance Committee recommends the passage of Article 23 as written in the amount of \$41,500.00. The funds are to be appropriated from CPA Undesignated Fund Balance account and used for CPC engineering and design work.

ARTICLE 24. LONG RANGE IT ACCOUNT

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purposes of funding a Long-Range Information Technology Maintenance Account, pursuant to Article 17 of the May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 24.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 24 in the amount of \$10,000.00

This article transfers Free Cash to the Long-Range Information Technology Maintenance Account to support the hardware replacement project.

ARTICLE 25. FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Fire Department Personnel Services to fund the Fire Department Retirement account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 25.

Finance Committee recommends passing over of Article 25.

Additional funds are not being added to this account at this time.

ARTICLE 26. FIRE HYDRANTS– SOUTH GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrants from the Grafton Water District,

- Number 110
- Number 111
- Number 112
- Number 113
- Number 114

- Number 115
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 26.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 26 as written.

This article provides acceptance of additional hydrants to the Town's hydrants list from the South Grafton Water District.

ARTICLE 27. PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WHOSE PROPERTY HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO A TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second G (inserted by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018 known as an act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement ("BRAVE Act")), signed into law August 28, 2018, which provides for a property tax exemption for any real estate that is the domicile of a person but is owned by a trustee, conservator, or other fiduciary for the person's benefit if the real estate would be eligible for exemption under clause Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E, Twenty-second F if the person were the owner of the real estate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 27.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 27 as written.

The Town currently offers a tax exemption to veterans who own their own homes. Under existing law, a veteran who applies for a tax exemption for property held in a trust must be both a trustee and a beneficiary of the trust. Acceptance of this article would change this rule to permit an exemption where the applicant is not a trustee but whose property is held by a trustee, conservator, or other fiduciary for the benefit of the applicant.

ARTICLE 28. PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second H (inserted by Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018 known as an act Relative to Veterans' Benefits, Rights, Appreciation, Validation, and Enforcement ("BRAVE Act")), signed into law August 28, 2018, which provides for a property tax exemption for real estate to the full amount of the taxable valuation of the real property of the surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and veterans who: (i) during active duty service, suffered an injury or illness documented by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or a branch of the armed forces that was a proximate cause of their death; (ii) are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the Armed Forces of the United States; provided, however, that the real estate shall be occupied by the surviving parents or guardians as the surviving parents' or guardians' domicile; and provided further that the surviving parents or guardians shall have been domiciled in the Commonwealth for the 5 consecutive years immediately before the date of filing for an exemption pursuant to this clause or the soldier or sailor, member of the National Guard or veteran was domiciled in the Commonwealth for not less than 6 months before entering service, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 28.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 28 as written.

This article would create a new real estate tax exemption of the full amount of real property of the surviving parents or guardians of a soldier, sailor, member of the National Guard, or veteran, who dies while on active duty or is missing in action and presumed dead. The Town will not receive any reimbursement from the Commonwealth for exemptions under this clause.

NOTES**ARTICLE 29. VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. 59, § 5N MGL Acts of 2012, to create a Veteran's Property Tax Work-Off Program, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 29.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 29 as written.

This article creates a property tax work-off program for veterans, similar to the existing program for seniors.

ARTICLE 30. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFTON ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the town will vote to amend the Grafton Zoning By-Law district entitled "Village Mixed Use District" and the corresponding maps, density schedules, and use tables, by replacing the existing Zoning District title "Village Mixed Use District" with the title "Village and Neighborhood Mixed Use District", as described and presented in the Planning Board report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 30.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 30.

This article will update the existing Village Mixed Use zoning district name and regulations to allow the creation of additional mixed-use zoning districts in the Town. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE 31. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFTON ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the town will vote to amend the Grafton Zoning By-Law district entitled "Village and Neighborhood Mixed Use District" and the corresponding maps, density schedules, and use tables, by adding a new district entitled "Worcester Street Neighborhood Center (VMU-WS)" as reflected in documents on file with the Town Clerk, and also as described and presented in the Planning Board report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 31.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 31.

This article will create a new mixed-use zoning district for the North Grafton shopping center area, to encourage redevelopment as a mix of residential and small, neighborhood-oriented commercial and retail business. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE 32. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFTON ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the town will vote to amend the Grafton Zoning By-Law district entitled “Village and Neighborhood Mixed Use District” and the corresponding maps, density schedules, and use tables, by adding a new district entitled “Transit Village Neighborhood Center (VMU-TV)” as reflected in documents on file with the Town Clerk, and also as described and presented in the Planning Board report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 32.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 32.

This article will create a new mixed-use zoning district on Route 30 in the vicinity of Institute Road, to encourage development of small commercial and retail business to complement residential developments and future transit-oriented developments (including the old state hospital property) in that area. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE 33. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFTON ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend ZBL Section 3.2.3.1 Use Regulation Table of the Zoning By-Laws to permit Marijuana Retailers as a special permit use as indicated by “S” within the Community Business (CB) Districts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 33.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 33.

This article amends the Zoning Bylaw use table to allow recreational marijuana retail by Special Permit in the Community Business zoning district. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE 34. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFTON ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.2 entitled “Multi-Family Dwellings” of the Zoning By-Laws by adding ZBL Section 5.2.3 Affordability as follows:

5.2.3 Affordability: For projects greater than eight residential units, projects must include affordable housing units as specified below:

5.2.3.1 Ownership Units. For all Projects containing Homeownership Units, not less than twenty percent (20%) of the total housing units constructed in a Project shall be Affordable.

5.2.3.2 For all Projects containing Rental Units, not less than twenty five percent (25%) of total housing units in any building containing rental units shall be Affordable;

5.2.3.3 For purposes of calculating the number of units of Affordable Housing required within a Project, any fractional unit of 0.5 or greater shall be deemed to constitute a whole unit.

5.2.3.4 Affordable Units shall comply with requirements of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development requirements for counting towards the Town’s Subsidized Housing Inventory

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 34.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 34.

This article would require all multi-family developments of more than eight units to include some affordable units: 20% of ownership units or 25% of rental units. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE 35. CITIZENS PETITION – RENAME “BOARD OF SELECTMEN”

To see if the Town will vote to rename the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board”, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 35.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 35.

Renaming to “Select Board” reflects 21st century diversity and inclusion, aligns the Board of Selectmen with all other Grafton town boards and committees, and eliminates potential exclusionary perceptions.

ARTICLE 36. CITIZENS PETITION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BY LAW

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Improvement By Law Committee whose function is to create a proposed By Law establishing a Capital Improvement Planning Committee as described in the Grafton Town Charter, to research the capital planning function and define in the proposed By Law a strong mandate for the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, membership of the Capital Improvement By Law Committee to consist of (1) member of the Board of Selectmen, (1) member of the Finance Committee, (1) member of the School Committee, and (2) members at large to be appointed by the Town Moderator, and The Capital Improvement By Law Committee will be dissolved immediately after the 2019 Fall Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 36.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 36.

Examination of the capital planning process and establishment of a robust Capital Improvement Planning Committee is an appropriate next step to continue improving and maturing Grafton’s financial practices.

ARTICLE 37. CITIZENS PETITION – MARIJUANA CULTIVATOR AND PRODUCT MANUFACTURING USES IN VMU ZONING IN SOUTH GRAFTON

To see if the Town will vote to allow the cultivation, manufacturing of marijuana related products in the Village Mixed Use Zoning in South Grafton by Special Permit or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 37.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 37.

This allows marijuana cultivation and manufacturing, only with a Special Permit, in the current Village Mixed Use Zone in South Grafton. This article requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE 38. CITIZENS PETITION – POLYSTYRENE REDUCTION BYLAW

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following Polystyrene Reduction bylaw:

POLYSTYRENE REDUCTION BYLAW

Section 1.

“Director”, The Director of Public Health Services or the Town Manager/Board of Selectmen designee. “Disposable Food Service Container” means single-use disposable products for serving or transporting prepared ready-to-consume food or beverages, including without limitation, take-out foods and/or leftovers from partially consumed meals prepared by a food establishment. This includes, but is not limited to, plates, cups, bowls, trays, hinged or lidded containers, straws, cup lids, or utensils. It does not include single-use disposable packaging for unprepared foods.

“Food Establishment” means any operation that stores, prepares packages, serves, vends, or otherwise provides food for human consumption, as further defined in 105 CMR 590.002. Any establishment requiring a permit to operate in accordance with the State Food Code, 105 CMR 590.000, et. Seq., shall be considered a food establishment for purposes of this ordinance.

“Expanded polystyrene” means blown polystyrene (polystyrene that has been expanded or “blown” using a gaseous blowing agent into a solid foam) and expanded and extruded forms, which are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by any number of techniques, including, but not limited to, fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, form molding, and extrusion blow molding (extruded foam polystyrene).

“Prepared Food” means any food or beverage prepared on the food establishment’s premises, using any cooking or food preparation technique. Prepared food does not include any raw uncooked meat, fish or eggs unless provided for consumption without further food preparation. Prepared food may be eaten on or off the food establishment’s premises.

SECTION 2.

Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing prepared food to customers in disposable food service containers made from expanded polystyrene.

SECTION 3.

- (a) The Director may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.
- (b) Each Food Establishment as defined in Section 1, above, located in the Town of Grafton shall comply with this by-law.
- (c) If it is determined that a violation has occurred the Director shall issue a warning notice to the Food Establishment for the initial violation.

(2) If an additional violation of this by-law has occurred within one year after a warning notice has been issued for an initial violation, the Director shall issue a notice of violation and shall impose a penalty against the Food Establishment.

(3) The penalty for each violation that occurs after the issuance of the warning notice shall be no more than:

A) \$50 for the SECOND offense paid within 21 days to the Department of Health.

B) \$100 for the THIRD offense and all subsequent offenses.

4) No more than one (1) penalty shall be imposed upon a Food Establishment within a seven (7) calendar day period.

5) A Food Establishment shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after the date that a notice of violation is issued to pay the penalty.

6) All subsequent offenses may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D.

All of the requirements set forth in this by-law shall take effect January 1, 2020. In the event that compliance with the effective date of this by-law is not feasible for a Food Establishment because of either unavailability of alternative food service containers or economic hardship, the Director may grant a waiver of not more than six months upon application of the owner or owner’s representative. The waiver may be extended for one (1) additional six-month period upon showing of continued infeasibility as set forth above.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 38.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 38.

Finance Committee concurs with this petition to restrict Food Establishments from the use of polystyrene products as it will help to reduce waste and contaminants in our environment.

NOTES

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the Town at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.


Given under our hands this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen.

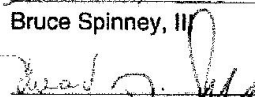
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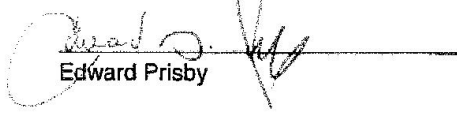
TOWN OF GRAFTON


Sargon Hanna, Chairman


Craig Dauphinais, Vice Chairman


Jennifer Thomas, Clerk



Bruce Spinney, III


Edward Prisby

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

April 18, 2019

I have complied with the requirements of the above Warrant and with the Town of Grafton By-Laws by posting an attest copy of the Warrant in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the town on the above date.


Constable of Grafton